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Comments: Years ago we elected to have the utility lines to our home buried at a discounted expense to us. This was done for both cosmetic and practical reasons. We were not vulnerable to downed lines going to the house during violent storms, and there was no demand on the time of the providers to come out after storms to repair damage to our lines. I would like to see this same thing done to the lines behind our home, and all of the homes, that supply our neighborhood in Richmond. During the last hurricane a tree fell over the utility lines, and disrupted service to the neighborhood for weeks. The cost in terms of spoilage, and man hours to repair this problem was enormous. I would happily contribute to the cost of burying these utility lines. I am sure that it would be expensive, however, I do believe that the savings, over time would more than offset the initial expense to eliminate the vulnerability of these lines and the expense and inconvenience of having these lines downed once or twice a year.